

II. AMENDMENTS TO CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A liquid-tight connector comprising:

- a tubular body including a leading and a trailing end;
- said tubular body including a central flange having a leading and a trailing wall;
- a ferrule extending from said trailing wall, said ferrule including a smooth exterior surface;
- a tubular nose portion extending from said leading wall, said nose portion including an outer periphery;
- a depression around the outer periphery of said nose portion;
- a sealing ring disposed on said nose portion adjacent said leading wall;
- a fastener secured to said nose portion, said fastener securing said sealing ring against said leading wall, said fastener capable of engaging and securing said nose portion to an aperture in a panel in a manner that said sealing ring is compressed and deformed so that the area between said nose portion and said aperture is filled with said sealing ring thereby creating a water tight seal between said nose portion and said panel;
- a tubular retainer body extending from and secured to said trailing wall, said retainer body concentric with and of a greater diameter than said ferrule, said retainer body including inward directed tangs extending within the inner periphery of said retainer body with the free ends of said inward directed tangs oriented toward said ~~trailing wall~~ leading end of said tubular body; and
- a conduit-accepting channel defined as the area between said ferrule and said

retainer body, said channel capable of accepting a metallic or non-metallic conduit and creating a water-tight seal between said conduit and said ferrule.

2. (currently amended) The liquid-tight connector of claim 1 wherein said fastener is a snap ring which includes:

a tubular portion having a leading and a trailing end;

one or more grounding tangs extending outwardly ~~and trailingly at~~ toward said trailing end of said ~~snap ring~~ tubular portion;

one or more locking tabs extending inwardly from said ~~snap ring~~ tubular portion into said depression to secure said snap ring to said ~~leading end~~ tubular nose portion; and

one or more snap locking tangs extending outwardly from said ~~snap ring~~ tubular portion to resist said connector being pulled from a panel when connected thereto.

3. (canceled)

4. (canceled)

5. (canceled)

6. (canceled)

7. (canceled)

8. (canceled)

9. (new) A liquid-tight connector comprising:

a tubular body including a leading and a trailing end;

said tubular body including a central flange having a leading and a trailing wall;

a ferrule extending from said trailing wall, said ferrule including a smooth exterior surface;

a tubular nose portion extending from said leading wall, said nose portion including an outer periphery;

threads on said outer periphery of said nose portion;

a tubular retainer body extending from and secured to said trailing wall, said retainer body concentric with and of a greater diameter than said ferrule, said retainer body including inward directed tangs extending within the inner periphery of said retainer body with the free ends of said inward directed tangs oriented toward said leading end of said tubular body; and

a conduit-accepting channel defined as the area between said ferrule and said retainer body, said channel capable of accepting a metallic or non-metallic conduit and creating a water-tight seal between said conduit and said ferrule.

10. (new) A liquid-tight connector comprising:

a tubular body including a leading and a trailing end;

said tubular body including a central flange having a leading and a trailing wall;
a ferrule extending from said trailing wall, said ferrule including a smooth exterior surface;

a tubular nose portion extending from said leading wall, said nose portion including an outer periphery;

threads on said outer periphery of said nose portion;

a tubular retainer body extending from and secured to said trailing wall, said retainer body concentric with and of a greater diameter than said ferrule, said retainer body having a trailing end and an inner periphery;

inward directed tangs on said retainer body extending from said inner periphery with the free ends of said inward directed tangs oriented toward said leading end of said tubular body;

a retainer body cover securing said tubular retainer body to said trailing wall;

said retainer body cover including a non-inclined contact surface engaging said trailing end of said tubular retainer body; and

a conduit-accepting channel defined as the area between said ferrule and said retainer body, said channel capable of accepting a metallic or non-metallic conduit and creating a water-tight seal between the interior surface of said conduit and said smooth exterior surface of said ferrule.